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FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2532

INFO AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF NSF OFFICIAL BODO BARTOCHA

REF: A) STATE 091310 B) BUDAPEST 1184 C) STATE 061719

1. EMBASSY GREATLY WELCOMES BARTOCHA VISIT AND CONCURS IN SCIATT ACCOMPANYING DURING VISITS BUDAPEST AND BUCHAREST. SCIATT WOULD PLAN DEPART WASHINGTON WITH BARTOCHA IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ANNUAL SCIENCE ATTACHE CONFERENCE WEEK OF MAY 27. REQUEST BARTOCHA PLAN VISIT BUCHAREST AT LEAST ONE WEEK.

2. COMMENT: SCIATT REQUESTS BARTOCHA AND EMBASSY BUDAPEST CONSULT WITH STATE DEPARTMENT AND HUNGARIAN INSTITUTE OF CULTURAL RELATIONS ABOUT DESIRABILITY OF EXTENDING BARTOCHA/ SMITH VISIT, PERHAPS FOR PERIOD OF THREE OR FOUR WORKING DAYS. SUCH A PROGRAM EVEN LIMITED TO CONTEXT OF NSF/KKI ACTIVITIES, WOULD PROVIDE INVALUABLE TECHNICAL DIMENSION FOR DEPARTMENT, EMBASSY BUDAPEST, AND SCIATT TO ASSESS ADDITIONAL HUNGARIAN INTEREST IN BILATERAL S&T CONTACTS.

3. SMITH HUNGARIAN VISIT FEBRUARY 18-20 WAS ARRANGED BY KKI WITH GREAT COURTESY AND APPEARANCE OF CAUTHOUS INTEREST, BUT SMITH AND EMBASSY OFFICERS WERE LEFT WITH IMPRESSION HUNGARIAN OPPORTUNITIES MAY BE MUCH GREATER THAN FORMALLY INDICATED. INDIVIDUAL HOST INSTITUTES NOW ENGAGED IN JOINT

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RESEARCH UNDER NSF/KKI AGREEMENT WERE UNIFORMLY OPEN AND PLAINLY

INTERESTED IN EXPANDED BILATERAL RELATIONS. ON THIS BASIS,  
SCIATT BELIEVES GOOD FOUNDATION EXISTS FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION  
OF MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL S&T COLLABORATION, BUT ACCREDITING SCIATT  
IN BUDAPEST STILL INVOLVES QUESTIONS BEYOND SCOPE OF NSF  
PROGRAM WHICH MERIT FURTHER DISCUSSION BETWEEN DEPARTMENT,  
AMBASSADOR MCAULIFFE, AND SCIATT. AMBASSADOR MCAULIFFE MAY  
ALSO FIND ADVANTAGE IN SHARING ON-SITE IMPRESSIONS WITH BARTOCHA  
AND SMITH RELATING TO NON-NSF ACTIVITIES IN HUNGARY WHICH SCIATT  
WOULD UNDERTAKE IF ACCREDITED. END COMMENT.  
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